

REMARKS

Applicant has filed a REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PROGRAM BETWEEN THE JPO AND THE USPTO and a Petition to Make Special using Form SB 0020.

This preliminary amendment is presented to comport the claims in the pending U.S. application to the claims that were allowed in corresponding application JP 2006-512929.

Identification of the JPO Application that contains the Allowable/Patentable Claims

JP 2006-512929 is the national phase application of PCT/JP2005/006506, which claims priority to JP 2004-0140416 and JP 2004-352050. JP 2004-0140416 and JP 2004-352050 are the priority applications of the present U.S. application.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further action.

Any fee due with this paper, including necessary extension fees, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

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